

Minutes  
**Labor-Management Advisory Council on  
Workers' Compensation**

February 2, 2007

1:30-2:30 pm

**Advisory council members present:** Lt. Governor John Bohlinger, Jerry Keck, Doug Buman, Bill Dahlgren, Jacquie Helt, Annette Hoffman, Riley Johnson (joined the call late), Dan Lee, Jason Miller, Bob Worthington

**Core team members present:** Diana Ferriter, Keith Messmer, Chris Catlett, Judy Bovington, Anne Wolfinger

- I. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes  
Bill Dahlgren moved, Danny Leer seconded to approve the January 26<sup>th</sup> minutes. The motion passed.
- II. Status of Department Bills
  - o HB 65 - Jerry Keck explained the bill had passed the House and been transmitted to the Senate. Bob Worthington moved, Jason Miller seconded that the Advisory Council endorse this bill. For: Doug Buman, Jacquie Helt, Danny Lee, Jason Miller, Bill Dahlgren, Annette Hoffman, Bob Worthington, Lt. Governor Bohlinger. Against: none. Motion passed.
  - o HB72 – This bill likewise passed out of the House to the Senate this past week. Jason Miller moved, Bill Dahlgren seconded that the Advisory Council endorse this bill. For: Doug Buman, Jacquie Helt, Danny Lee, Jason Miller, Bill Dahlgren, Annette Hoffman, Bob Worthington, Lt. Governor Bohlinger. Against: none. Motion passed.
  - o SB108 - Jerry Keck explained the bill status. No action was requested or taken. The current version of the bill with the amendments is now available online at [http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/law0203w\\$.startup](http://laws.leg.mt.gov/pls/laws07/law0203w$.startup)
- III. Status of Other Workers' Compensation Bills
  - o SB 191 – This bill has been tabled in committee.
  - o SB 214 – Keith Messmer explained the bill had passed the House and been transmitted to the Senate. Bob Worthington moved, Jason Miller seconded that the Advisory Council endorse the bill. For: Doug Buman, Jacquie Helt, Danny Lee, Jason Miller, Bill Dahlgren, Annette Hoffman, Bob Worthington, Lt. Governor Bohlinger. Against: none. Motion passed.
  - o SB 304 - This bill has been tabled in committee.
  - o HB 508 – Diana Ferriter explained the bill, which was heard that morning in committee. It is anticipated that executive action on it will occur next week.
- IV. Pending Bill Requests  
LC 2344 – Jerry Keck talked about the bill request from Representative Scott Mendenhall, that he originally informed the Advisory Council about last week. The intent of the sponsor is to address settling claims, setting the non-hospital fee schedule rate to the median or average group health carrier rate plus 10 percent, and establishing

utilization and treatment guidelines, mirroring the language for those in SB 108 as it now stands.

V. Public Comment

The following individual addressed the Advisory Council: Tom Murphy.

VI. Next Steps

Next conference call: Friday, February 9, 1:30 – 3:00 pm

For the complete discussions, download or listen online to the meeting recording at <http://erd.dli.mt.gov/wcstudyproject/labormngmntadvisorycouncilmeetinginfo.asp>